

Industry Sector	Total Cases		Hearing Loss	
	Number of Cases (thousands)	Incidence Rate <sup>1</sup>	Number of Cases (thousands)	Incidence Rate
Private industry <sup>2</sup>	249.0	27.9	28.4	3.2
Goods producing <sup>2</sup>	117.6	53.5	24.3	11.1
Natural resources and mining <sup>2,3</sup>	3.7	25.8	.2	1.5
Construction	3.7	13.8	.3	0.4
Manufacturing	105.2	73.8	23.8	16.7
Service providing	131.5	19.6	4.1	0.6
Trade, transportation and utilities <sup>4</sup>	37.9	17.5	3.2	1.5
Information	4.3	15.4	0.3	1.0
Financial activities	8.5	12.0	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )
Professional and business services	16.5	13.9	0.4	0.3
Education and health services	47.6	38.2	0.2	0.1
Leisure and hospitality	13.1	15.8	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )
Other services, except public administration	3.5	12.1	( <sup>5</sup> )	0.1

<sup>1</sup> The incidence rates represent the number of illnesses per 10,000 full-time workers and were calculated as:

$(N/EH) \times 20,000,000$ , where

N = number of illnesses

EH = total hours worked by all employees during the calendar year

20,000,000 = base for 10,000 equivalent full-time workers

(working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year)

<sup>2</sup> Excludes farms with fewer than 11 employees.

<sup>3</sup> Data for Mining (Sector 21 in the *North American Industry Classification System*-- United States, 2002)

include establishments not governed by the Mine Safety and Health Administration rules and reporting, such as

those in Oil and Gas Extraction and related support activities. Data for mining operators in coal, metal, and

nonmetal mining are provided to BLS by the Mine Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

Independent mining contractors are excluded from the coal, metal, and nonmetal mining industries. These data do

not reflect the changes the Occupational Safety and Health Administration made to its recordkeeping requirements

effective January 1, 2002; therefore, estimates for these industries are not comparable to estimates in other

industries.

<sup>4</sup> Data for employers in railroad transportation are provided to BLS by the Federal Railroad Administration, U.S.

Department of Transportation.

<sup>5</sup> Fewer than 50 cases.

<sup>6</sup> Incidence rate less than 0.05.

NOTE: Because of rounding, components may not add to totals.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor November 2005